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## COVER LETTER ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FILED IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.52(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a new patent application entitled "SUBSTRATE TRANSPORT APPARATUS, POD AND METHOD". This application is submitted in the Japanese language in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.52(d). In due course a verified English translation will be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-369333, filed December 4, 2000, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-404696, filed December 25, 2000, and Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-047404, filed December 25, 2000, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are submitted herewith.

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